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The Direct Tax.

posal now declared to meet with the ap- the auspicious news: proval of the Governor, is the only conceivable solution for the present condiit is the only possible way of bringing home to the people of the State the final meaning to them of the recent expansion of State debt.

October 1 will be \$4.460,000, \$6,210,000 for perhaps for as much as a year. the next year, \$10,870,000 for the two years. Thus if the direct tax rate be maintained next year at half a mill the mately meet the debt charges for the same period.

In the following years the rate will 1914. In addition it is now proposed to increase the capital of the debt by approximately \$20,000,000 for canal terminals. If is clear, then, that in two years more the annual charge of the State debt will be some \$10,000,000, and tive than "direct action." Quick action notably allied with its artistic interests, that this sum will hereafter have to be raised by direct tax.

During the last four years the rev enue of the State has about sufficed to meet the ordinary expenses of admin-

intraction, as the following table shows.		
Year.	Revenue.	Expenditure.
1008	\$33,996,769.90	\$28,643,438,28
1000	31,567,185.51	32,962,212.13
1910	37,905,576.73	36,234,574.54
1911	*35,000,000.00	40,321,507.80

Official estimate

1908 has kept the two columns even. It women of sense are careful not to fall. is, then, idle to imagine that the indi- If government by commission, oli-,000 in revenue.

payers of the State can hope for is such citizens of even that power must be a an administration of State finance as boon also. Select commission, select will keep the ordinary expenses within suffrage. the ordinary revenue. Both are bound Instead of giving the right of suffrage to grow gradually, and the several tax to women it should be taken away from reform measures proposed by the Gov- men, from most men, and restricted to ernor this year will doubtless reestab- the earnest and exalted remnant. Govlish the balance between expense and ernment by commission, suffrage by revenue in 1912.

cost of State administration six times cans to follow with rapturous ears. as great as the increase in revenue. But if the tax is a Republican inheritance, it is no less a good thing for the State to establish a direct and unmistakable relation between the taxpaver and the State debt. Such a relation once established, the check upon the expansion of the debt will be automatic.

Every consideration that can appeal to wise statesmanship and party leadership demands a return to the direct tax.

A Column for the Best People.

the name of a former Citizens Union dis- tain the perfect subway system are teresting and impressive argument:

" It | the bill | would strike a severe blow at bona fide independent organizations like the Citizens Union. Such organizations desire a providing for those who would ride in place upon the ballot, not for the purpose of sell- trains. ing out to one of the large parties but for the purpose of informing the voters at large of their position in regard to candidates."

The Citizens Union, as its representative later asserted, rarely makes nomi- the House of Representatives. He has Lord Mayor of Texarkana. It was Citinations; it has no considerable number of just introduced two bills designed to zen HENRY who when a student at the mesalers to whom it might refer such enlist the Federal Government in the questions. What it does have is a city enforcement of State or township pro- to wear a baseball uniform on the ground committee composed of a small band of hibition of the sale of liquors. unofficial citizens, responsible to no body possessed of primary election machinery to choose such a committee.

candidates of its own.

A more preposterous argument and a irresponsible and unofficial committee convicted and imprisoned in either press in this way a personal opinion, paper or magazine to a subscriber in frequently founded merely upon class Bangor. 6 00 prejudice, is hard to see.

s oo dicate its indorsement of candidates Federal internal revenue tax shall not out depriving an independent of a single State or local laws, at the same time because of their civic superiority and cial or so-called license tax. inherent and surpassing righteousness, is this not a little too much?

Quick Action Government in a City of Bournemouth.

The city of Eugene, Oregon, site of the University of Oregon and partly personal contact with the composer. surrounded by an amphitheatre of low It is true that HANS RICHTER still lives mountains (see gazetteer), is determined and will be one of the conductors at to have a commission government the Bayreuth festival performances this with pocketbooks aleak and no rest for charter worthy of those educational summer, but ANTON SEIDL, HERMAN the ambitious. In good time the poor and scenic privileges. While its pro- LEVY and FELIX MOTTL, who worked man will come to regret the easygoing posed charter looks almost reactionary tive, the referendum can be set to work | WAGNER then, had too brief a career as by twenty-five voters. A Eugene des- a conductor to have any influence in The return to a direct tax, the pro- patch to the Portland Oregonian gives that capacity.

" Provision whereby twenty-five voters may tion of the State treasury. In addition, ordinance passed by the City Council is one of although he did not carry this most dates in this case seem to have the price the novel features of the proposed commission government charter for Eugene on which the charter board put finishing touches last night. According to the proposed charter the State law in regard to referendum shall apply in all cases. The present plan to levy a direct tax and this would require sixty to eighty names to of half a mill will raise about \$5,000,000. call a referendum, but the provision is added The charges for canal and highway which will prevent the Council shelving a refersinking funds for the year beginning endum until a convenient season for an election

" In demanding an immediate election the petitioners must deposit with the city sufficient money to pay the cost of the special election and when a referendum petition, accompanied proceeds in the two years will approxi- by the further petition of twenty-five legal voters and the required deposit, is nied with the City tion to be held within thirty days after the next required, quick action can be obtained on any matter to which the citizens object."

> "Quick action" seems to be a term more logical and more exactly descrip- with Bayreuth, nor was KARL MUCK pageant, but down here it was prodigious. government, put in motion and con- although he is to be one of the conductrolled by a minority, technically called tors this year. MAHLER never found it vision and the young man's dream in this grand and wondrous time.

On the Wrong Track.

Just after the annual comedy of beat. ing woman suffrage at Albany by a politely slender margin may the friends of that "reform" be reminded that it is \$139,469,832.14 \$138,162,033.05 no reform and that they are utterly on the wrong track? To demand repre-While the revenue of the State in the sentation and a share in representative four years has increased but \$2,000,000. government when that system is damned. the expenditure has grown by nearly by all uplifting souls is to be antiquated \$12,000,000, and only a large surplus in and out of style, errors into which

more than garchy, is the hope and salvation of meet the routine expenses of the general cities it must be the hope and salvation fund. It is equally futile to suppose that of States, and most imperiously and inlarge advances in indirect taxation are evitably of a State like New York, full possible. Governor Hughes attempted of the iniquities called cities. If the such an experiment in the inheritance withdrawal from the people of the power tax last year and it cost the State \$1,500,- of electing any officers save a select body of notables or numskulls be a boon, the Henceforth the best that the tax- withdrawal from the great body of

commission. Women, no doubt, should The immediate occasion of the return be eligible to both; a few women as a few to a direct tax is the extravagance of men, all responsible to some of those inthe last four years of Republican rule, spired leaders, the Pied Pipers whom it which were marked by an increase in the is now the blessed privilege of Ameri-

Pavements.

Possibly there are a few citizens who remember a time when the pavements of this town were in reasonably good condition. It is a matter of slight consequence whether the blame for the are almost ended. pavement conditions rests upon the

Borough President. devoted to serving the interests of those who have to ride in vehicles instead of

The Roddenbery Curiosities.

The Hon. SEABORN ANDERSON ROD-DENBERY of Georgia is a new member of

One of the Roddenbery measures makes it a criminal offence, punishable by fine and imprisonment or both, for The function of this small committee any person to deposit in the United is to gather about a table and sit in sol- States mails any written or printed ademn judgment upon the official records vertisement offering for sale spirituous and personal attainments of the various or intoxicating liquor in "communities, candidates for office of the several par- counties, States or Territories where by ties and then place upon the ballot its State or local law the sale of such instance, the same condition obtaining in several own column containing the names of liquors is prohibited." It declares such the relatively few aspirants for office matter unmailable when addressed to who, tried by the acid test of Citizens persons in such localities. It makes the Union respectability, satisfy the ideal offence indictable and punishable either of citizenship existent in a party which at the place of mailing or at the place

no longer finds it worth while to name where such matter is received or de- VARDAMAN'S 160 ON POWER livered.

For example, as we understand the better justification for the sections of the bill, the proprietor of a newspaper or Levy bill thus attacked by the Citizens magazine in New York containing an and the cost and work of printing and pagne could be indicted under Federal of "best citizens" an opportunity to ex- State for mailing a copy of his news-

The second of Mr. RODDENBERY'S leg-If the Citizens Union desires to in- islative enterprises provides that the named by regular parties the Levy bill be collected in the case of any wholepermits its emblem to be placed after sale or retail dealer in spirituous or malt the names of such candidates. This liquors doing business in any commueliminates a column on the ballot with- nity where there is prohibition under right. But to demand for a hundred or making it the duty of the United States two citizens, however eminent, the right Government to prosecute and punish absolutely from the competition. to a separate column on the ballot such dealer for failure to pay the spe-

How simple and masterly!

The Last of the Bayreuth Conductors

the last of the conductors of the music of RICHARD WAGNER who had come into

The Bayreuth tradition as to the interpretation of the Wagner music to watch the procession and thank heaven demand an immediate referendum election on any | dramas had a firm supporter in Morri, for the opportunity. The three candimodern development so far as MICHAEL and common folk must stand aside; but is law. SEIDL's dramatic temperament prevented him from adopting the present Bayreuth method of drawing out every phrase of the music, and this rule of who thinks Alexander may be a winner, and departed from Bayreuth.

HANS RICHTER first conducted at Bayreuth before the present views as to the proper interpretation of WAG-NER's music had been promulgated by the widow of the composer. To RICHhave to be doubled. The debt charges regular meeting. As regular meetings under TER's intimacy with the family at Wahnwill be \$7,330,000 in 1913 and \$8,450,000 in the commission plan would be held each Monday. fried as well as his advanced years he assembled myriads yelling discordant and but ten days notice of special election is is now sixty-eight-his ready acquies- tribute to the spectacle. It is impossible cence in the views of Bayreuth to-day is attributed.

GUSTAV MARLER was not identified WAGNER and the other Bayreuth conto make it seem probable that they will ever give New York the opportunity to hear their ideas on interpretation. Our own ARTURO TOSCANINI shows some signs of sympathy with the new sentative of the modern views as to con- only knows. ducting the works of RICHARD WAGNER. Although he came into association with theories but those of the present rulers the tinction than any other conductor.

laying a ruthless hand on the Albany of the substantial and responsible voters Burgesses Corps. To suppress it is to as to which will most becomingly represuppress a great demand for food and sent the progress and prosperity of Misdrink and to amputate an honor from an sissippi in the United States Senate. honorary list of which the once notorious question is whether the respectability Harvard "Med. Fac." did but faintly or the rabble will prevail in the approachto share in its glories and got due imperial acknowledgment and thanks in return.

The Hon. WOODROW WILSON seems to regard the Governorship of New Jersey as a travelling scholarship.

From some portion of the West with the gradually pushed out of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas until almost his only remaining corral was the ranges of Montana. But the last Government crop report shows such a remarkable change in that State that it seems his days there

The acreage of all cereals has increased last Tammany or the present City Club in ten years 150 per cent., the wheat fields alone expanding 180 per cent. But this What does concern the much enduring is not such an indication of the change as people of New York city is that the the difference between the sixteen acres streets should be repaired with prompt- of flax in 1899 and the 37,647 in 1909, for it In his appeal to the Hon. JOHN A. ness and efficiency. The long continued is customary in Montana to raise flax on Dix to veto the election bill which bears efforts of the Borough President to oba measure of the extent to which cattle and sheep ranges are being converted trict leader the Hon. AARON J. LEVY, commendable enough, but it is about into farms. The days of the big rounda representative of the Union, on time that part of his attention should ups in Judith Basin, in Fergus county, and Wednesday advanced the following in- be withdrawn from subterraneous to even along the lower Judith and the surface subjects and part of his energy breaks of the Missouri are practically past. The stockmen are moving across into Dawson county, that extends east—
"The yew tree in Miss Brazil's garden beats ward from Fergus to the Dakota line, but any single tree that I have known in the number even there it may not be many years be-

> Southwestern University of Texas refused that knickerbockers were "monarchical."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It is a pity that our shortage of water prevents the proper facilities for the quenching of thirst in man and

sufficient if corrected to supply several unused fountains. The two inch outlet affording a con-stant flush at 107th street and Broadway is an other troughs. Union Square, Fourth avenue side

now being repaired, is another case.

Reduced to one-quarter of the present rate, the flow would about be the quantity supplied at Cooper Union, one of the best patronized in the

CAMPAIGN.

munical board in some

MERIDIAN, Miss., July 12.-It is hard sledding for the Hon. Leroy Percy these fervent times. It hasn't been as hot in Union could not be imagined. Why advertisement of one of the Milwaukee Mississippi during the last few weeks as the official ballot should be encumbered | beers or of one of the wines of Cham- | in Detroit or Chicago or Boston, but it has been hot enough, hotter than most people like, and the weather is gradually warming up to the caloric level of the campaign. It is another tribute to the various virtues of the "popular election of Senators" that in addition to the assess-ment on candidates to meet election ex-of French Butchers, it must not be imagined and from Tupelo to Meridian and from that year, with occasional Greenville to Aberdeen address audiences hoods or assume the responsibility of having neglected so many free and indein time the individual will begin to realize In the few intervening months more that the system excludes the poor man a hundred butchers have had to close their

people are having their fling at no particular cost to themselves. So the three candidates in this contest, Percy, Vardaman and Alexander, are zigzagging the official figures of the Department of all over the State by rail and river, by the Seine, 336,512 beef cattle, 179,830 calves, The death of FELIX MOTTL removed stage line or by mule power, across the hot sands of Tishomingo county or through the forests and beneath the climbing jasmines of Adams, jumping from the pot liquor of the Hatchie vicinity to the fried chicken, beaten biscufts and cymblins of Columbus and Holly Springs, with the master during the early years days when he could pack his bag, scrape in requiring the signature of 15 per cent. of Bayreuth, are gone. ENGELBERT up money enough to pay carfare to the of the legal voters to initiate the initia- HUMPERDINCK, also an assistant to capital and ruffle it on easy terms among the legislators. For the time being, while the fad lasts and the jargon of the Progressives passes current, a Senator-| for the veal, at 2 francs 21 centimes, 27, ship is within reach only of the prosperous, and the average man's part is Balling, Siegfried Wagner and other as has been said, it looks like hard sledmembers of the Wagner family to whom any word of the chatelaine of Wahnfried fellow Mississippi has sent to Washington since the days of Walthall and Lamar. What will be the outcome? Who knows

Mme. Cosima's was indeed brought to in popular estimation at least the issue is few days ago the former was drawn through this town by eighty yoke of white oxen. With each yoke marched a guide dressed in white, and enthroned upon the vehicle sat Jim Vardaman, Municipal Councillor Girou of Paris made himself dyked out in purest duck, a spick and span emanation of the bandbox, spotless from throat to heel, with all the adopted embodying the following demands appraise the importance and effect of this slaughtered animals referring to adhesic theatrical, not to say melodramatic of the thoracic organs embedded in the It materialized the essence of Vardaman's provisions be adopted to suppress huckcolor line. It revived the terrors of the carpet bag period and invested with 'the people"; that is the old man's necessary to accept the Bayreuth teach- vicarious consequence the spooks of a free of duty. ing on the subject of tempi. SIEGFRIED long buried past. But Vardaman knows ductors are not sufficiently important dices of the red necks and the hill billies, and he is doing it with a master hand. Even John Sharp Williams, with all the syndicate corporations, the penitentiary horde and years ago, in beating Vardaman by a the Bayreuth spirit, but not enough to be beggarly margin of votes. What Percy rules the destinies of the Festspielhaus. washes his face and hands every day and is not speedily found. It is at last a polit-So Felix Mottle was the last great repre-

Vardaman is not of the unshaven and spots, the stomach and the purse. unshorn. He is not ostentatiously slov-enly for political purposes. On the con-sentation may be indefinitely postponed: RICHARD of Bayreuth, it was not his trary, he is as neat as a pin always. In but it is safe to say the high cost of meat Percy. of the Bavarian musical town that he the difference between the two being that less raiment, while his opponent, in equally fastidious attire, preaches the sane and CIGAR SMOKERS AND REFORM. safe and thoroughly conservative docfream when it admitted the Czar of Russia ing primaries, and even the most friendly observer is bound to admit that the rabble is mighty strong in the State.

There is no reason to suppose that the somewhat picturesque intrusion of Private John Allen into the campaign, as a partisan of Percy's and a rather too accuser of Vardaman, will change anybody's mind. Allen is violent as well as king and spitting and using obscene and profane humorous and seems to have distributed language as a right guaranteed to them by the humorous and seems to have distributed end of the season for years there has come good and evil in about equal proportions Constitution of this free country the report of the "last big roundup of so far as concerns his favorite. Neither cattle." The cowboy with his lariat does it appear that the encounter on the branding iron and "chuck wagon" has been railway train at Starkville, in which State Senator Bilbo, a Vardaman supporter, was badly beaten by a pistol in the hands of one J. J. Henry, a former penitentiary official and now a railroad employee, will do more than intensify the already prevalent antagonism. Percy and Vardaman are opposing each other on practically the original lines. The side issues and inci-

running very strong, and if Alexander's votes do not constitute a subtraction from Percy's strength all present calculations are at fault.

The Feud Between Squirrel and Bird. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In connec

with Dr. John A. Wyeth's letter in to-day SUN it is interesting to note that squirreis said to be inimical to birds, witness the enci note by Edmund T. Daubeny in the Selborne Magazine for October, 1909:

and variety of birds that nest in it. She deplores the violent death of a squirrel that had taken up its winter quarters there. For the birds, however, it was a merciful deliverance. Had

a powerful bird have keep perpetual guard.
"A friend's garden was visited by a squirrel "A friend's garden was visited by a squirrel bird's eggs were one spring and all the little bird's eggs were sucked. A good observer wrote to me to say that of fourteen nests of the gold crested wren which he found one morning thirteen were turned inside out and the eggs caten by squirrels. He also saw a squirrel in the act of eating a black-bird's egg. The keepers here report to me they have seen squirrels devouring young thrushes. One of the best ways of increasing the numbers of our little songsters such as the nightingale, blackcap, whilethroat and others is to thin the ranks of the squirrels. Squirrels should be absent from bird sanctuaries.

"I could relate many more instances to corroborate these remarks and have been soundly abused before to day for daring to point out the squirrel's propensity for attacking the nests of birds and for advising they should be kept in check."

in check.

If the squirrel nature is as therein described bird invers would gladly favor the removal of those in the parks, for a full supply and variety of birds are surely to be preferred not only because of the greater importance of birds as park paraphernalla but because of their well known usefulness as destroyers of the insects which injure trees and plants.

COST OF MEAT IN PARIS.

The enormous increase in the price of among the working classes. ago a great meeting was held at a newspaper office to discuss the subject and Senators, Deputies, Municipal Councillors and wholesale and retail butchers present. A great deal of first hand infor-mation was published, and steps were taken toward systematic effort to bring about a reduction of prices.

It appears that the oppressive advance

dates back about a year. But, said M. Lefèvre, president of the General Syndicate penses those same candidates have to that it was a sudden phenomenon. It had visit every nook and corner of the State really been impending since 1903. Since the price of meat had been steadily rising assembled from the different neighbor- in France; it merely reaches the public feit the full weight of the increase; since November, notwithstanding the increase, the sitpendent sovereigns. It comes high, and uation had become disastrous for the trade. shops. At present half the working popula-For the moment, however, the common tion is compelled to curtail its consumption

M. Lefèvre gave some interesting statistics. In 1910, he said, there were sold in the Marché de la Villette, according to 1,673,751 sheep. The average weight of these animals was 366 kilos pounds) for cattle, 70 kilos for calves and 10 kilos for sheep. This gives a total weight of 123,163,392 kilos, or something more than double that number of pounds of beef marketed, 12,595,730 kilos of veal and \$1,801,269 kilos of mutton.

Had this meat been sold in 1902 at prices

then current it would have realized the following sums: Beef, at 1 franc 12 centimes the kilo on the average, 137,942,999 francs veal, at 1 franc 58 centimes, 19,901,253 franc mutton, at 1 franc 51 centimes, 205,864,168 francs. Last year the prices actually realized were for the beef, at an average of 1 franc 61 centimes, 198,293,061 francs 836,563 francs; for the mutton, at 2 france 22 centimes, 70,598,817.

The total realized in 1902 by the sales would have been 205,864,168 francs; year it was 206,728,441 francs, an increase of 90,864,272 francs, or about \$18,172,854, that the people of Paris had to pay out of their fund for living expenses

The causes of the increase, said M. Lefèvre, were both social and commercial Change in the standards of living in-creased the demand for meat; but uncause, if indeed the covert method of pro-It is practically impossible to find any one tection, that is to say exclusion, were not most to blame, the methods embodied in the importation laws under the guise of its present authority long after he had between Vardaman and Percy. Only a sanitary precautions applying to meat dead or on the hoof, whether coming from

There were more than a hundred Senstors and Deputies present at this meeting many of whom made speeches. strong speech for immediate action. There-upon an order of the day or resolution was 1. That the Debussy law raising the tariff on meat and food animals be repealed and the customs duties of the law of 1802 refor people in our part of the country to stored. 2. That the provisions concerning campaign. It was an apotheosis of the sters' shops and all fraudulent and illicit practices. 4. That measures be taken to from the colonies and that they be admitted

The subject of the dearness of meat has how to play upon the passions and prejudices of the red necks and the hill billies. Tariff Commission of the Chamber has an ranged to give hearings to the butchers been made on the Minister of Agriculture the rest of the buttressed and embattled senting the Department of the Seine, has interests at his back, only succeeded, four also given notice of an interpellation on It looks as if the matter would soon tower included in the little group that now will accomplish against him. Percy who above all other domestic topics if a remedy

all alike in two particularly sensitive be kept in the public eye distinctness, and legislators who aspire to treasury shall or until a remedy is found.

sands of Cigars Wisely. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It is astonishing when a few people determine to effect a reform, either in their own manners or those of others, how quickly men of the type of "Nightbut simply to force them to be decent and exercise a decent regard for the rights of others. the petitions and thus suspended the apparent to any observing person who will ride May in the subways or upon the railway trains, or in fact who goes into almost any public place.

This country more than any other on the face of the earth possesses a liberal supply of hogs. who until a very few years ago went about smo

We have gradually deprived them of the right public sentiment strong enough to pass laws forbidding them to smoke in certain public places. king in the subway or elevated trains or stations n street cars if he desires to do so.

the mental makeup of "Nightmare" seek to evade water is drawn to generate electricity, the rules against smoking in the subway can be dental ebullitions, fruitful as they are of heat and animosity in Mississippi, have made no impression on the canvass.

All the indications are that Vardaman is up the procession while they strike a match, and involve destruction and ruin. unfortunate ones behind have the benefit of are lucky if they do not get poked in the eye by a lighted cigar or cigarette.

unqualified contempt for any man so absolutely void of any discerning judgment regarding that he will light up a cigar after it has once died; and it is my opinion that to make the punishment fit the crime any one who will carry a stub into a train should be fined at least \$50 and confined for not less than two years at hard labor. J. DAYTON.

MOUNT VERNON, July 13. Stop, Look and Listen!

For Ambassador at the Court of St. James's when Champ Clark is President:
The Hon. Robert Lee Henry, some time Lord Mayor of Texarkana. It was Citizen Henry who when a student of the magnic would have escaped. Even a powerful bird like the magnic would have escaped. leave their common sense at home when they travel, else there would be fewer accidents

read about in the papers.

I believe it is a law of the State of Pennsylvania that before crossing any railroad at grade excellent law to enact in this State. To one who goes about Long Island, Westchester county, and elsewhere in the State in fact, the necessity and wisdom of such provision are obvious. Aside from the annoyance and expense en

tailed by such accidents the ratiroa

that both in Long Island and in Westcheste cially near by and through towns and villages should be enclosed, as in the case of the Pennsy vania Railroad, and all crossings guarded and the jangling gong and nerve rending steam whistie done away with. JOHN Y. CULTER. NEW YORK, July 12. A SUFFRAGIST'S HUSBAND

Tells Joyously of His Conversion to the Cause and of His Happy Home. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1 an that most pity inspiring object to some recent correspondents who sign feminine

names, the husband of an enthusiastic and active suffragist. That I find the home that she makes what it is the most charm ing place that I have known may be to those correspondents a proof of my lack of words as to how and why I have been converted to the cause of woman suffrage And let me say at the outset that if any one male or female, more heartily detests and deplores the existence of an unwomanly wenan than I, his or her powers of detest ng and deploring must be well developed dislike the aggressive, one ideaed, shrill low intelligence to all who disagree with her far more than I do a man with the same faults, for my standards of womanliness in the preservation of the herd by inhave been fixed by grandmother, mother, sister, aunts and wife.

And I admit that the women with these faults do naturally gravitate into any movement that brings them to the public eve whether it be W. C. T. U., D. A. R., Sorosis Anti-Suffragism or "Votes for Women." But that working for woman suffrage makes them such or that the power to vote would increase the number of such I believe from my own experience and observation to be an absolutely untenable and even ridiculous notion. In New York city alone there are thousands of gracious, thoroughbred, charming and much loved women who are enlisted heart and soul in what they rightly deem a movement for the uplift and broadening of our civilization cults as much as enling of our civilization cults as much as deem a movement for the uplift and broad-ening of our civilization quite as much as for increasing a woman's power to make her life, her home and her children's future what she longs to have them.

national housekeeping. Trite as this is, it expresses a great and compelling truth that the opponents of woman suffrage seem utterly unable to grasp or to answe It was the conception of this fact! that first made me see the rightness of the cry of "Votes for Women." Then came an appreciation of the widening of the scope of are the first and loudest to hall and acclaim. fairness of chance for the vast and swiftly increasing host of woman workers, not that any miracles would follow or any economic laws turn upside down. Then the new and fresh interest brought into lives of the more intelligent women can maintain in the politics of a State where he has no vote. And ethen the absolutely bogey man character of the objection it, would take the woman from her

One moment. Make a test. Try to remain perfectly grinless for five minutes and then ask yourself how much the right he is an active officeholder. And women officeholders will always be far rarer women singers, actresses, lecturers, who are indeed taken from their homes, and as one to one thousand of the women workers whose homes never see them during the working hours of the weekday.

I place no weight whatever on the ac The interests of the community alone I firmly believe that not only the interests of the community but the interests of the of her home, of her children and of her husband demand that we should not of the Standard Oil Company by the give her but avail ourselves of her vote.

NEW YORK, July 13.

Referendum Folly.

From the Denver Republican The case of the telephone ordinance reently enacted presents an illustration of

The ordinance in question is practically nothing more than an acceptance by the city of the offer made by the telephone company to pay into the city treasury 2 per company to pay into the city treasury 2 per cent. of the company's gross earnings to be expended on streets, parks and boulevards. It leaves all matters at issue between the company and the city respecting plained that Kellogg had been employed powers of the latter exactly as they are. No restriction is put upon the power of the city. It is a case of benefits to be received by the city and of nothing granted

to the telephone company ask the people to vote on whether the city keep their seats and salaries will hustle an annual payment by the telephone com-

pany of something like \$25,000.

If the matter had been understood the signers of the referendum petition would The Legislature should think long before trine. There is little doubt in the minds The Voice of One Who Has Smoked Thou- that they affix their signatures to so foolish a document. They would have answered that since the city had an opportunity to get \$25,000 a year without giving anything in return it should certainly take advantage of it. But they did not know, they did not mare" will give out the benefit of their dreams. understand. They yielded to the impor-As I understand it, the object of the society to tunity of the men who presented the petitions and without knowing anything about the matter or trying to find out they signed nance until the city election to be held next

> would obtain if the ordinance were in effect. The referendum petitioners have done one thing, if they have done nothing else. They have knocked the city out of the \$25,000 which would form the first year's contribu-

effect of the referendum which the would-be

but we have not yet got a sufficiently strong public opinion to prevent any one from smoa doctrine not to be disputed. But the ex be likened to a great reservoir, from which operate factories, to irrigate land or for seen any morning at the exit of any downtown other beneficial uses. The power of the station by noting the hundreds of burned matches on the steps. So little regard have they for the that it may be put to beneficial uses applied. water is stored in the reservoir, but in order

So with the power of the people. Means the dead cigar while climbing the stairs, and they must be employed for its application to intending to get off at Gibraltar, but the beneficial use through the employment of chosen legislators to enact laws; of Judges I have smoked many thousands of good cigars. to interpret and of executives to enforce and while on this subject I wish to express my them. Direct application of this power in them. Direct application of this power in government is exceedingly dangerous, and at times it may prove destructive. Especially is this true of the referendum and the recall, the former an attempt at direct legislation, the latter an attempt to regulate and coerce officials. Both are foolish and both are dangerous.

from a cholera port. The commander of the Pannonia protested and the Greck artist, who wanted to visit his parents at Gibraltary, pleaded, but the health officers told them they would have to move on, and they did.

The Cunard Line paid for the transportation here of the five and will take them back free of charge to Gibraltar, where they will be landed this time, because this

basses Presidential possibilities are falling by the way like grains under a cornsheller. Champ Clark has been detected eating with Chairman Underwood. Whenever two or more men are found in conversation it argues strongly in favor and in particular in automobiles, concerning of some conspiracy. Governor Baldwin of Con which the speed factor complicates matters, do necticul served for many years as a Judge with out being recalled, which disposes of his case.
Governor Foss of Massachusetts and Governor
Plaisted of Maine are excellent gentlemen, but
wholly without "scars" received in Presidential
battles. The hero who can place on exhibition the most scars is sure to win. D. SWIFT DIGGINS.

CROTALUS CENTRE, Arizona, July 8.

An Ethnological-Thermological Note by the

An Ethnological - Intermological Note by the Manhattan Philosopher.

To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: I have noticed this year and several years previously that the lists in the newspapers of persons killed and "knocked out" by the heat contain the names of very few Hebrews, whereas from the relative on of Hebrews in this city these lists consist largely of members of this race especially as many of them live in the most squalid conditions and neighborhoods. This is another proof of their healthfulness, and with other of their well known characteristics makes them practically invincible in work and business. New York, July 18.

TRIED TO STILL HORNADA)

Zoo Director Says Secretary Nagel Wrote

Him to Mind His Own Business WASHINGTON, July 13. - Secretary Nage of the Department of Commerce and Labor and Fish Commissioner Bowers tried to "suppress" Dr. William T. Horna day, director of the New York Zoological Park, two years ago because of his efforts to secure legislation to preserve the diminishing seal herd of the Pribilog Islands of Alaska, according to Mr Hornaday's testimony to-day before the House Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Commerce and Labo

Representative Townsend of New Jersey author of the resolution under which the hearings are being conducted, developed the fact that the Campfire Club sent to Senator Dixon on October 29, 1909, the draft of a resolution intended to assist augurating a closed season; that the resp. lution was introduced by the Senator on December 7; that on December 16 Dr. Barton Evermann of the Fish Com wrote to Fish Commissioner Bowers suggesting that steps to get the Camp fire Club back into line be taken, and that some time later Mr. Bowers himself went to New York and endeavored to have Dr

Hornaday called off. Dr. Hornaday told the committee how

ning of our civilization quite as much as roughly and increasing a woman's power to make or life, her home and her children's future paragraph of this letter, "you have considerable responsibilities in your official employment, and I shall endeavor not a support the state of th employment, and I shall endeavor not to molest you. I hope that you will accord me the same privilege in my capacity. I always welcome advice, I do not fear criticism, but I discourage unnecessary comment upon other men engaged in my bureau who are charged with responsible duties, who are expected to be loyal and who are not in a position to defend themselves. I regard it as my part to speak up for them."

The committee broke up in the usual row. Prof. Henry W. Elliott of Cleveland, Ohio, the seal expert, wanted Fish Commissioner Bowers put on the stand. Mr. Bowers and Prof. Elliott exchanged such words as "liar" and "perjurer" the other day.

day.
"Before we adjourn to-day I want that man put on the stand," cried Elliott when Dr. Hornaday had completed his testimony, shaking his fist at Bowers. "He called me a liar. He's not going to get away from here. I'm going to fix him."

Representative Rothermel of Pennsyl-

vania, the committee chairman, who has managed to preserve peace under diffi-culties up to date, poured oil on the troubled waters. Mr. Bowers will take the stand next week, to be examined by Prof Elliott, and fur is expected to fly.

\$75,000 KELLOGG GOT. Government Paid Him That for the Four

Years Work Against Standard Oil. WASHINGTON, July 13.-The House Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Justice occupied itself at to-day's hearing inspecting the vouchers on which Trust Buster Frank B. Kellogg drew about \$75,000 in salary- and expenses for his work which terminated in the dissolution

Supreme Court. All of the vouchers, which were for sums ranging from \$700 to \$25,000 and extended over the period from 1907 up to the present time, were for lump sums described as "compensation and expenses."

None of them was itemized.

Representative Beall of Texas, chairman of the compiler.

man of the committee, referring to the statute provision that Government em-ployees shall be paid only actual expenses itemized accounts, suggested Kellogg vouchers were "united

under a special contract with the torney-General, that his compens was fixed by the Attorney-General that the expense account vouchefs were paid, although unitemized, on the ground paid, although unitemized, on the ground that they were additional compensation

To submit this to the referendum is to REAR ADMIRAL COMLY OUT. ata Navy Yard Head Retired for

Age Has Seen Exciting Service WASHINGTON, July 13.-Rear Admiral Samuel P. Comly, a native of New Jersey, who has been commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard and president of the general court-martial board there, was placed on the naval retired list for the maximum age of 62 years to-day.

Admiral Comly entered the Naval Academy from New Jersey in 1867. On leaving the academy he was on the Juniata, which cruised the northern waters in search of the Polaris. The expedition was out more than a year, officers and crew suffering heavily from cold and

During the Spanish-American war he was navigator of the battleship Indiana, which figured in the naval fighting in Cuban waters. Upon being promote to Captain he commanded the battleshi

to Captain he commanded the battleship Alabama, on which he made the tour of the world with the battleship fleet.

He was then promoted to Rear Admiral in October, 1900—shortly after which he received a division command in the fleet. He was promoted to the command of the second squadron, from which he was detached at his own request last October. Since then he has been on Since then he has been duty at Philadelphia.

FREE ROUND TRIP OVER SEA Party From Naples Not Allowed to Pass Quarantine at Gibraltar.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Saul of Philadelphia and G Bacarisas, a Greek artist, completed yesterday aboard the Cunarder Pannonia a trip from Gibraltar that was not on the programme.

They boarded the liner at Naples, a British health officers there would not let them land because the Pannonia was from a cholera port. The commander of

will be landed this time, because this

s not a cholera port.

Mr. and Mrs. Saul will visit relatives in Philadelphia and the Greek artist Eastmans will take a look at the city while waiting for the Pannonia to sail.

FIGHT AWARD TO J. L. MOTT. Taxpayer's Action to Restrain Prendergast From Paying.

The Bureau of Municipal Research through one of its directors began yesterday a taxpaper's action to restrain Comptroller Prendergast from paying an award of \$102,500 plus interest for thir teen years to Jordan L. Mott. The Board of Assessors made the award on Jur 6 last, alleging damages owing change of grade in front of the Iron Works when the approach

Iron Works when the approach to the Third avenue bridge across the Harlen River was built in 1893-1898.

The bureau declares that Jordan L. Mott isn't entitled to the award because no change of grade was made in front of the Mott property as a result of the Third avenue improvement and also holds that the claim wasn't filed in time.

The claim has been under consideration in the Corporation Counsel's office since

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